# Riverfront Groundwater Contamination Site PRP Information Summary

**Current Entity:** 

Kellwood Corporation

Other Related Entities:

New Haven Manufacturing Company; Wenzel Company; H.

Wenzel Tent and Duck Company; Hawthorn Finishing Company;

Hawthorn Manufacturing Company; American Recreation

**Products** 

(see flow chart for how these companies are related; supporting

documentation contained in 104e response)

# Brief description of waste streams involved and source of information:

- Kellwood hauled drums to landfill with their own drums; drums probably still buried there, close to Bill Litzinger's property (no mention of TCE/PCE) (Kevin Busch, interview, 4/24/00)
- Machine Shop (operating during 1970s) used PCE and dumped lots of it on ground behind building; company later sold to Kellwood (Larry Detrick, interview with MDNR, 1/24/90)
- Kellwood dumped drums full of waste that included solvent at city dump (Tom McDonald, interview, 8/24/99)
- Kellwood sent as many as 10 drums/month to city dump drums buried on east side and later covered with gravel; not sure what solvents involved (Melvin Menke, interview with MDNR, 7/12/93)
- Mr. Monzyk openly admitted he dumped chlorinated solvents such as TCE for years at Cottonwood Street facility (Dale Mocabee, interview, 10/20/99 and 4/25/00)
- Machine Shop used "something like" TCE or PCE to degrease metal parts in 1950s; probably dumped containers and waste materials in city dump (Richard Monzyk, interview, 12/14/99)
- Vapor degreaser, which was provided to NHMC by Fred Wenzel (of Wenzel Tent & Duck) used PERC as cleaning solvent; not much was used; PERC was added in small amounts to the degreaser tank as solvent evaporated (Richard Monzyk, interview, 4/25/00)
- NHMC swaging equipment operators used PERC in a bucket to dip ends of aluminum poles prior to inserting them into swaging dies (to remove oil); PERC added to maintain 1-inch level in 5 gallon buckets (Richard Monzyk, interview, 4/25/00)
- In 1966/67, NHMC used TCE and PCE to clean metal tubing; any wastes generated would drain onto ground on east side of building at Front and Cottonwood (Robert Monzyk, interview by MDNR, 8/13/89)
- NHMC used vapor degreaser; can't remember name of it; NHMC used to dump solvent on ground (but can't remember name) (Robert Monzyk, interview, 10/18/99)

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- PCE was used by Kellwood and ARP until September/October 1988 (Chester Nichols, interview, 6/11/92)
- NHMC used chemical solvent for degreasing metal and aluminum parts called "percelene"; used solvent from degreaser tank was pumped into 55-gallon drums; not sure where drums were taken, but probably to city dump (Phillip Pecaut, interview, 1/31/00)
- NHMC used PERC to remove greasy film from metal rods; not sure how used solvent was disposed; NHMC did not use city dump (Marvin Pointer, interview, 11/5/99)
- Kellwood used PCE at Industrial Drive until 1986; up to 5 gallons at a time were dumped at northeast end of building until people heard about solvent in city water; dumping was then stopped and area was covered with gravel (John Pruessner, interview with MDNR, 8/13/89)
- Landowner allowed Kellwood to dump barrels of waste on his land after city dump closed (Marvin Schroeder, interview, 8/24/99)
- Kellwood management / supervisors solicited employees to dispose of drums; employees thought this was expected of them (Marvin Schroeder, interview, 8/24/99)

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# Highlights of Information Request Response:

**Officers** 

- Kellwood claims its operations in New Haven ended 9/30/85 when it sold to ARP. However, ARP became wholly owned subsidiary of Kellwood on 11/15/88
- Corporate officers include Fred Wenzel (VP 1961-1963; Chairman of Board 1964-1994; President 1965-1975, 1991-1994; CEO 1976-1984, 1991-1994); William Kelley (VP/Group President 1969-1971; VP, Recreation Market 1972-1979)
- Following people were officers of both Wenzel Company and Kellwood at some time: John Barsanti, W. Lee Capps, Robert Collett, James Jacobsen, Robert Maddocks, William McKenna, Thomas Pollihan, Seth Slocum, Hal Upbin, Fred Wenzel
- Following people were officers of NHMC and Kellwood at some time: William Kelley, Robert Maddocks, Fred Wenzel
- Following people were officers of ARP <u>and</u> Kellwood at some time: W. Lee Capps, Gerald Chaney, James Jacobsen, Roger Joseph, Robert Maddocks, William McKenna, Thomas Pollihan, Seth Slocum, Hal Upbin, Fred Wenzel

### **Employees**

- Following are former employees of Kellwood: Tony Bauer, Melvin Duvall, John Englebrecht, Julius Gatzemeyer, Earl Hagedorn, Marvin Horstmann, William Kelley, Dale Koch, Albert "Midge" Krull, Steven Kubiak, Kenneth Kuschel, Melvin Menke, Anthoney Meyer, Richard Monzyk, Chester Nichols, Archie Oberg, John Peirick, Marvin Pointer, John Pruessner, Harold Roethmeyer, Fritz Steinbeck, John Steinbeck, Fred Wenzel, Richard Willer
  - -Pruessner also worked for Transportation Specialists, Inc.
  - -Richard Monzyk also worked for New Haven Manufacturing Company
  - Following are current employees of Kellwood: Thomas Pollihan
- Dennis Bean, Jerry Dotson, Lee Downey, Robert Winship worked for Riverront Industries
  - Dale Mocabee, John Puessner, Al Shealy worked for Transportation Specialists

- Wayne Bock and Don Brandt worked for Citizen's Bank
- Richard Monzyk and Robert Monzyk worked at Machine Shop and New Haven Manufacturing Company

# Operations of Company

- "Records do not indicate whether any particular individual ever handled or disposed of PCE or TCE, but no employee interviewed had ever handled or disposed of ... [PCE or TCE] in the course of his or her employment with Kellwood."
- -who was interviewed? Tony Bauer, Earl Hagedorn, James Royle, Dick Herring, George Grabner, Judy Schuck, Harold Pohl, Fred Wenzel, Bill Steele, Lyndon Ruediger, Delmar Birkmann, Ann St. Clair (all current employees except Pohl and Wenzel)
- Kellwood's operations at Cottonwood Street lasted from 2/1/80 5/31/82; no one interviewed had any knowledge about any material containing PCE or TCE
- Kellwood's operations on Industrial Drive lasted approximately 9/66 to 9/30/85; no employees interviewed indicate presence of PCE or TCE except that Kellwood was informed in 1990 by State of Missouri that at some point in operations, an employee had dumped cleaning solvent containing PCE or TCE on City-owned property north of 202 Industrial Drive. It was some kind of cleaning solvent for tool and dye operation involved with the tube mill.\
- Kellwood's operations on Orchard Street lasted from 1961 to 9/30/85; no one interviewed had any knowledge about any material containing PCE or TCE

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**PRP's State of Incorporation:** Delaware (8/28/61)

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